

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM EXTENDED TWO WEEKS

Residents Can Apply at San Diego County Family Resource Centers, Local Assistance Centers

The application period for disaster food stamps for fire victims in San Diego County has been extended two more weeks until Nov. 29, 2003.

The United States Department of Food and Agriculture (USDA) made food stamps available on an emergency basis to many San Diego residents who lost their homes, businesses or income as a result of the fires. Families who currently receive food stamps may ask for replacement of food that was damaged or lost in the fires. Those who apply for the disaster food stamps must meet certain criteria to determine eligibility.

County residents in the identified disaster areas can apply for disaster food stamps at San Diego County Family Resource Centers as well as the three County Local Assistance Centers (LACs) in Alpine, Ramona, and Valley Center.

The Alpine LAC is at 1327 Tavern Rd. (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Suite 30; the Ramona LAC is at 325 Sixth St., and the Valley Center LAC is at 28565 Cole Grade Rd. LACs are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and are closed on Sundays and on Thanksgiving day.

For complete instructions and eligibility guidelines, please call Public Assistance Information at (866) 262-9881.

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